

REMARKS

Method claims 25-40 are hereby elected subject to traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that even if the delivery method could be utilized for a materially different product, it will be necessary to search and examine the implantable delivery system of claims 1-4, 11-13 and 20-24 in order to search and examine claims 25-40 as claims 25-40 are clearly the preferred method of use of the implantable delivery system of claims 1-4, 11-13 and 20-24. Thus, search of the preferred implantable delivery system would also be required. Likewise, the method of claims 25-40 utilizes the implantable delivery system of claims 1-4, 11-13 and 20-24 so it will be necessary to search for the implantable delivery system of claims 1-4, 11-13, and 20-24 as the preferred system to perform the method of claims 25-40. Thus, search of the preferred implantable delivery system would also be required. In this regard, the Examiner has not indicated that any extra effort would be required for searching and/or examination.

Thus, for patent office economics and efficiencies, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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